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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING GUIDANCE REFTEL US REP NMPA STEERING COMMITTEE SENT LETTER QUOTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ON MARCH 23. LETTER COVERS ( A ) A POSSIBLE LICENSING ARRANGEMENT WHICH COULD PERMIT MANUFACTURE OF THE UNIVAC 1616 COMPUTER IN GERMANY, AND ( B ) US PARTICIPATION IN NMPA STEERING COMMITTEE AND MODERNIZATION SUB- COMMITTEE. WILL ADVISE OF REACTION TO LETTER WHEN REPLY IS RECEIVED. END SUMMARY.

2. QUOTE:

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MR. P. AVAERT, CHAIRMAN, NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT STEERING COMMITTEE

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

THE RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE REQUEST OF THE NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT STEERING COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO LICENSING AND SALE OF THE UNIVAC MPC 1616 COMPUTER WAS TABLED AT THE MARCH 8, 1973 MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE. AS THE RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS AMONG UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES SINCE THAT TIME, AND IN CONTINUING SUPPORT OF EFFECTIVE COOPERATION IN ARMAMENTS RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION, THAT RESPONSE IS HEREIN AMPLIFIED AS FOLLOWS. MY AUTHORITIES HAVE INDICATED THAT GERMANY HAS SHOWN A STRONG INTEREST IN THE FAMILY OF COMPUTERS IN QUESTION FOR USE IN A BROAD RANGE OF DEFENSE APPLICATIONS. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A LICENSING ARRANGEMENT THAT WOULD PERMIT MANUFACTURE OF THESE COMPUTERS IN GERMANY. MY AUTHORITIES HAVE FURTHER INDICATED THAT UNDER SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, RESALE TO OTHER NATO COUNTRIES WOULD BE NO PROBLEM, AND THIS WOULD, OF COURSE, PROVIDE A MEANS WHEREBY THE UNIVAC MPC 1616 COMPUTER COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE IN THE MODERNIZED VERSION OF THE ATLANTIC.

I WOULD LIKE, IN ADDITION TO THE COMPUTER ITEM ABOVE, TO DISCUSS WITH YOU IN THIS LETTER UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN THE NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT MODERNIZATION SUB- COMMITTEE IN AN OBSERVER STATUS. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE ACTION, ANNOUNCED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MODERNIZATION SUB-COMMITTEE IN HIS LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF MARCH 13, 1973, WHICH PURPORTS TO EXCLUDE THE UNITED STATES FROM ATTENDANCE AT THE MODERNIZATION SUB- COMMITTEE MEETINGS EXCEPT ON A CASE- BY- CASE BASIS. THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF NATO ARMAMENTS COOPERATION AS SET FORTH IN NATO DOCUMENT C- M(66)33 (2 ND REVISION) IS THAT ALL COUNTRIES ARE FREE AND WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VARIOUS COOPERATIVE GROUPS IN A FREE AND FLEXIBLE MANNER. THIS PRINCIPLE IS BEING FOLLOWED IN ALL THE CURRENT ARMAMENT GROUPS, SUB- GROUPS, PANELS, AND STEERING COMMITTEES UNDER THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS. THERE ARE MANY CASES IN WHICH COUNTRIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN GROUPS WHERE THEIR PRINCIPLE OBJECTIVE IS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENTS. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT PROGRAM SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE PROGRAM. THIS PARTICIPATION HAS INCLUDED A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND SIGNIFICANT TECHNICAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE. THE EXCLUSION OF THE UNITED STATES FROM OBSERVER STATUS ON THE MODERNIZATION SUB- COMMITTEE COULD WELL ESTABLISH AN UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT AND WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT IT BE AGREED THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY ATTEND THE NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT MODERNIZATION SUB- COMMITTEE IN AN OBSERVER STATUS.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

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O. CLARKE CHISUM

CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY

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